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**LETTER**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicant submits this Letter, concurrently with his Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, in response to the final Office Action, mailed February 26, 2003.

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703 in the amount of Four Hundred and Sixty Five (\$465.00) to cover the extension fee, for a small entity, as required by 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(a)(3) and 1.136(a).

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.